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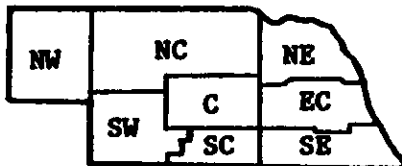
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WEATHER

A very mild week with temperatures ranging from four to twelve degrees above normal. Scattered rain fell over much of the state during midweek. Rainfall amounts of over half an inch were common in the eastern half of the state.

GENERAL

Nebraska's corn harvest was nearing completion; however, fog, light rains and above-normal temperatures limited the advance during the week. Corn harvesting progress in the Panhandle was only 80% complete while the north central and central areas were between 85-90% harvested. All other districts showed less than 10% still out. Fall tillage operations continued to be limited by wet ground conditions with most being delayed until next spring. Preparations for the cold months ahead were underway as individual farm harvests were completed. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.9.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 60% adequate and 38% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 2% short, 93% adequate and 5% surplus. This is the best moisture rating going into the winter months for many years and is equal to the fall of 1973. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 12% short, 59% adequate and 29% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 27% short, 71% adequate and 2% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest reached 93% complete at the week's end compared to 98% last year and 99% normal. Lodging of stands presented some harvesting problems. Warm conditions brought the frost out of the ground in many areas, again restricting large, heavy equipment from many fields. Grain moisture levels continued high, with some reports of corn molding and souring in the field.

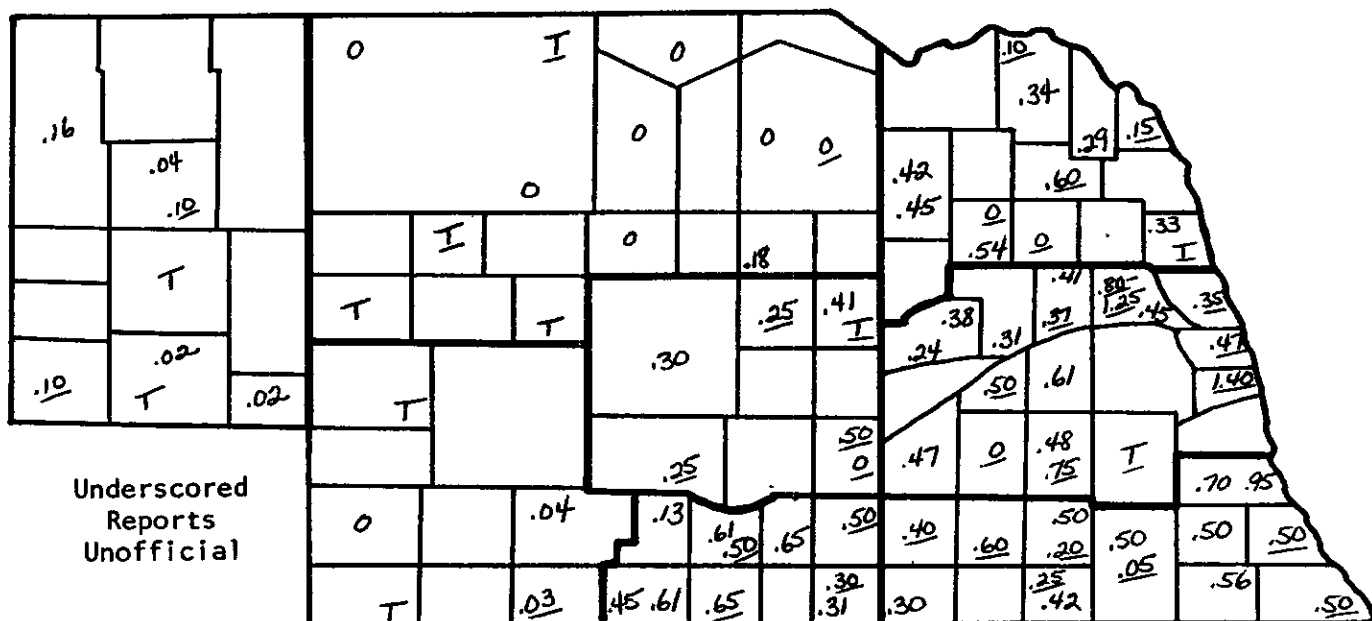
Winter wheat condition was given its last rating of the 1982 season at 3% fair, 88% good and 9% excellent. This was the best rating given since December of 1972. Good fall rains as well as snow cover in parts of the west have put the 1983 crop in good condition for the winter months.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were adequate with excellent winter feed available in many areas. The above-normal temperatures brought muddy feedlot conditions back, making livestock movement difficult. More cattle have been moved to corn stalks for grazing during the past two weeks.

Weather & Crops reports will be issued only once a month until early spring when weekly reports will be resumed. The next report will be released January 3, 1983.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1982

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	56	19	37	--	0
Scottsbluff	57	17	35	+4	.03
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	60	18	38	+10	0
NE Norfolk	61	20	39	+10	.03
Sioux City	61	25	40	+12	T
CEN Grand Island	54	16	38	+7	0
EC Lincoln	65	25	40	+8	.01
Omaha	62	28	40	+10	.02
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	61	18	38	+8	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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